



Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office **Operations Directorate — Fact Sheet**

Personnel Recovery Advisory Group (PRAG)

BACKGROUND: Communication within the Personnel Recovery Community (for which DPMO is the policy-lead) is a major challenge. Many agencies from throughout the government, especially within DoD, are undertaking significant initiatives to improve USG personnel recovery capabilities, but not everyone is aware of the various projects underway. Under the Missing Persons Act (MPA), paragraphs 1501(a)(1)(B), and (a)(2), DPMO is responsible for, “coordination for the Department of Defense with other departments and agencies of the United States on all matters concerning missing persons,” and, “within DoD among the military departments, the Joint Staff, and the commanders of the combatant commands.”

DISCUSSION: The PRAG provides a forum for DPMO to exercise this aspect of its responsibilities under the MPA at a senior level. Our intent is to meet three to four times a year, with each meeting lasting two to three hours. We request proposals for agenda items for future conferences from participants NLT 60 days prior to each meeting, and finalize the agenda NLT 30 days prior. At the close of each meeting, the PRAG reviews issues participants identify during the meeting and assign a specific action office responsibility for working and resolving the issue. DPMO writes and distributes an after action report following each conference. The PRAG has two primary functions. The first is to work collaboratively to develop, review, and recommend policy-level actions or initiatives to support achieving the DoD goal of having a fully integrated personnel recovery architecture that ensures the recovery of isolated U.S. personnel worldwide. The second is to provide pre-crisis advice to DoD and other USG principals on personnel recovery policies.

Principals.

DASD for Prisoners of War and Missing
Personnel Affairs (chair)

Director for Operations and Plans, USJFCOM
DUSD Advanced Systems and Concepts

DASD for Public Affairs

DASD for Command, Control,
Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance,
Reconnaissance & Space (C³ISR & Space),
OASD(C³I)

Senior representative of the Office of the
Secretary of Defense General Counsel

Director, Directorate for Policy Support,
Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)

DASD for Special Operations Policy and
Support, OASD(SO/LIC)

Deputy Director for Operations, the Joint Staff

Deputy Director, Operations & Training, Hqs,
USAF

Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans,
Policy, and Operations) (N3N5), the Navy
Staff.

Director of Operations, Readiness and
Mobilization, the Army Staff

Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans, Policies, and
Operations, United States Marine Corps

The Director, Center for Operations, Plans and
Policy, United States Special Operations
Command (USSOCOM)

Director of Operations Policy, Headquarters,
United States Coast Guard

Chief, Military and Special Programs, Central
Intelligence Agency

Director of Defense Policy, National Security
Council

PDASS for Political Military Affairs,
Department of State

Combatant Commands may provide Flag
Officer representation as a principal
member of the PRAG